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For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR  
PROVIDING PATCH EXPRESSIONS USED  
IN DETERMINING WHETHER TO INSTALL  
A PATCH

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-32, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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